

August 30, 2009  
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**Welcome to the worship and fellowship of God's Church. May this time together in God's presence lift your spirit, engender hope and fill everyone's heart with love.**

**We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God**

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP "Beloved" Choir  
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)  
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING  
INVOCATION  
\*Hymn of Praise: 77 "How Great Thou Art"

**Proclaiming the Word**

\*Psalter: 795 – Psalm 72  
\*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed  
\*The Gloria Patri: 70 – "Glory Be to the Father"

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:  
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER  
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\*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

\*Hymn of Preparation: 189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):  
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 801 – Mark 7:1 - 8

ANTHEM "Keep On the Firing Line" Choir

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 972 – James 1:17 - 27  
This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "A God We Can Trust" Dr. Bill Harris  
**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn of Commitment: 467 "Trust and Obey"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*CHORAL RESPONSE "The Trees of the Field" Choir  
\*RECESSIONAL

\* Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...**

**TODAY:**  
9:30am Altar Prayer 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Worship

**THIS WEEK:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Mon.,** Aug. 31, 7:00pm – Art Class  
**Tues.,** Sept. 1, 7:00pm – Trustees Meeting  
**Wed.,** Sept. 2, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice  
**Thurs.,** Sept. 3, 11:30am – VIP's 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study  
**NEXT WEEK:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Sun.,** Sept. 6, 9:30am – Blood Pressure Screening 3:00pm – Emerald Gardens  
**Mon.,** Sept. 7, Labor Day (Office Closed)  
**Wed.,** Sept. 9, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice  
**Thurs.,** Sept. 10, 6:30pm – Men's Club

<b>SERVING OUR LORD:</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

**Preparation for Worship:** Fill our minds with holy thoughts, O Lord, that we may think what you would have us think and worship you with purity of heart. Amen.

**Welcome to all who visit with us today.** Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, or sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

**Committee Schedule** – The Charge Conference for Harris and Mathews Churches will be held at Harris on Sunday, October 25, at 4:30pm. In preparation for the conference, committees will meet on Sept. 20 (Lay Leadership and Finance) and on Sept. 27 (S/PPRC and Church Council). Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed in early October.

- Committee Members:**
- ❖ **Committee on Lay Leadership (nominations):** David Joseph, Beau Lockaby, Chip Snelling, Ray Snelling, Mary Turner, Agnes Minor
  - ❖ **Finance Committee:** Denton Jefferson, David Joseph, Ann Landis, Ray Snelling, Chip Snelling, Beau Lockaby, Jesse Nance, Ralph Thomas
  - ❖ **Staff / Pastor Parish Relations Committee:** Ann Landis, Jimmie Hodges, David Joseph, Harriett Snelling, Donna Dolphin
  - ❖ **Church Council:** Ray Snelling, Chip Snelling, Harriett Snelling, David Joseph, Libby Joseph, Dutsie Cox, Denton Jefferson, Ann Landis, Keith Landis, Beau Lockaby, Jan Herring, Loree Bailey, Jesse Nance, Ray Ouzts, Sybil Baker, Audrey Lockaby, and Dale Moseley



"You'll never get ahead of anyone as long as you try to get even with him."  
(Lou Holtz)